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**IMPORTANT  
NUMBERS:**

**Emergency**  
**911**

**Non-  
Emergency**  
(614) 277-1710

**Crime  
Prevention**  
(614) 277-1765

**Anonymous  
Tip Line**  
(614) 277-1808

**Investigative  
Bureau**  
(614) 277-1750



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# The Grove City Division of Police

## CRIME ALERT

**RE:           APARTMENT SECURITY**  
**DATE:       APRIL 12, 2010**

There has been a recent rise in burglaries during the day at local apartments. The burglaries have been between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., with the majority at 3 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8 p.m. Sunday had the most occurrences, with Monday, Thursday, and Friday also having a majority.

Since **criminals are looking for opportunity**, you can protect yourself by making it as unwelcoming and as difficult as possible for a thief to enter your home. Try to look at things through a burglar's eyes and harden the target. The following prevention tips are designed to help you do just that:

- Buy programmable timers and set them to turn on TVs, radios, or lights where they can be heard or seen while you will be gone.
- Try to vary the time you leave and return to your apartment daily (i.e., occasionally leave early to get a coffee, skip a lunch break to arrive home early, come home for lunch, etc).
- Avoid the appearance that you live alone (even if you do). For instance, if you are a female, don't list your given name in the phonebook or on a mailbox; use your first initial instead. Pretend like there is someone in your apartment when you are leaving. Give the appearance that you are not alone.
- Always check and replace any lighting that has burned out on exterior lighting and **keep exterior lights on** when it is dark. Report burnt-out bulbs at entrances, hallways, laundry areas, etc, right away.

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### CRIME ALERT

**RE: APARTMENT SECURITY (CONTINUED)**

**DATE: APRIL 12, 2010**

- If you see someone hanging around whom you feel “doesn’t belong” call the police immediately. Whenever you see suspicious activity, even if you aren’t sure, contact the police right away.
- **Always trust your instincts.**
- Make sure the deadbolt on your door extends a minimum of one inch from the door. Always use it. Make sure the locks are changed when you rent a new place.
- If you meet a burglar, let him go. Better to lose money or property than your life.
- Never leave a note on your door which indicates you are not at home. If a package will be coming while you are at work, have a trusted friend or neighbor collect it for you. If you are out of town for a weekend, stop the mail and newspaper. Flyers on doorknobs, papers lying around, packages at the door all indicate that no one has been home for a while and invite a criminal to easy access of your belongings.
- Never enter your apartment if you see evidence of a burglary; call the police right away.
- **Always call the police immediately.** Chances of catching a burglar are much greater the sooner police are notified.

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